

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-53 and 55 are pending the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 9-53 and 55.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to claim 15. Applicant has amended claim 15 accordingly.

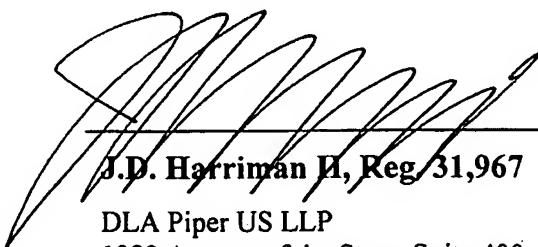
CLAIM REJECTIONSClaim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 14-25, 27-53, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicants have amended claim 1 to provide definitional language for the requested terms and to provide appropriate antecedent basis. With respect to the dependent claims 10-13, Applicants contend that the amendments to claim 1 now moot the objections to those claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that this application be reexamined and that the claims, as amended, be allowed.

Applicants file concurrently herewith a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME to extend the due date to respond to the outstanding OFFICE ACTION until May 9, 2008. Applicants also tender the government fees for said extension. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,



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